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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STATE/TERRITORY: MINNESOTA

CHILD WELFARE - TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

A. Target Group (section 1915(g) of the Act):

Child welfare-targeted case management services are available for recipients under age 21 who have been assessed in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 256F.10 and who meet one or more of the following conditions:

1. at risk of out-of-home placement or in out-of-home placement as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 257.071, subdivision 1;
2. at risk of maltreatment or experiencing maltreatment, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 626.556, subdivision 10e; or
3. in need of protection or services as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 260.015, subdivision 2a.

B. Areas of State in Which Services will be Provided:

X Entire state.

— Only in the following geographic areas (authority section 1915(g)(1) of the Act is invoked to provide services less than statewide):

C. Comparability of Services:

— Services are provided in accordance with section 1902(a)(10) of the Act.

X Services are not comparable in amount, duration, and scope. Authority of section 1915(g)(1) of the Act is invoked to provide services without regard to the requirements of section 1902(a)(10)(B) of the Act.

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D. Definition of Services:

1. Child welfare-targeted case management services are those activities ~~which~~ that assist eligible recipients in gaining access to needed medical, social, educational, and other services as identified in an individual service plan.

Child welfare-targeted case management services include the following activities:

- a. assessment of the recipient's need for services to gain access to medical, social, educational, and other related services;
- b. the development, completion, and regular review of a written individual service plan based on the assessment of need for case management services to ensure access to medical, social, educational, and other related services;
- c. routine contact or other communication with the recipient, the recipient's family, primary caregiver, legal representative, substitute care provider, service providers, or other relevant persons identified as necessary to the development or implementation of the goals of the individual service plan in regard to the status of the recipient, the individual service plan, or goals for the recipient, exclusive of actual transportation of the recipient;
- d. coordinating referrals for, and the provision of, child welfare-targeted case management services for the recipient with appropriate service providers, consistent with section 1902(a)(23) of the Act;
- e. coordinating with the MA facility discharge planner in the 30-day period prior to the recipient's discharge into the community (this is the only child welfare-targeted case management service provided to patients or residents in a MA-funded facility and is limited to ~~a maximum of two 30-day periods~~ months per calendar year);
- f. coordinating and monitoring the overall service delivery to ensure quality of services;

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D. Definition of Services: (continued)

- g. monitoring and evaluating services on a regular basis to ensure appropriateness and continued need;
  - h. completing and maintaining necessary documentation ~~which~~ that supports and verifies the above activities;
  - i. travel to conduct a visit with the recipient or other relevant person necessary to the development or implementation of the goals of the individual service plan; and
  - j. advocacy on behalf of the recipient through the provision of negotiating and coordinating activities for services ~~which that~~ are otherwise inaccessible or unavailable to the client.
2. The following activities are not eligible for payment as child welfare-case targeted management services:
- a. assessments prior to opening a case;
  - b. therapy and treatment services;
  - c. legal services, including legal advocacy, for the recipient;
  - d. information and referral services that are part of a county's or tribal social services' community social services plan and that are not related to an eligible recipient;
  - e. outreach services including outreach services provided through the community support services program;
  - f. services that are not documented as required under Minnesota Rules, parts 9505.2175 to 9505.2195; 9505.0175 to 9505.0475; and 9505.5000 to 9505.5105;
  - g. services that are otherwise eligible for payment on a separate schedule under rules of the Department;
  - h. case management services that duplicate the same service from another case manager for the same recipient;

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- i. case management services provided to patients or residents in a MA reimbursed facility except as described under D.1.e.; and
- j. case management services for children in foster care, group homes, or residential care that do not focus on permanency planning or return to the family home and/or duplicate the facility's discharge planning.

E. Qualifications of the Providers:

- 1. A child welfare-targeted case management provider must be an enrolled MA provider and possess all of the following capabilities:
  - a. demonstrated capacity to provide the components of child welfare-targeted case management;
  - b. demonstrated case management experience in coordinating and linking the community resources required by the target population;
  - c. administrative experience in serving the target population for whom he or she will provide services;
  - d. administrative capacity to ensure quality of services in accordance with state and federal requirements;
  - e. the ability to provide complete investigative, protective, foster care placement and related child welfare administrative services, or the ability to provide one or more of these activities through contract with the county or tribal social services;
  - f. a financial management system providing accurate documentation of services and costs; and
  - g. the capacity to document and maintain individual case records in accordance with state and federal requirements.

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E. Qualifications of the Providers: (continued)

2. A case manager is an individual employed by and authorized by the child welfare-targeted case management provider to provide child welfare-targeted case management services. The case manager:
  - a. must be skilled in the process of identifying and assessing a wide range of children's needs;
  - b. must be knowledgeable about local community resources and how to use those resources for the benefit of the child; and
  - c. 1) must hold a bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, sociology, or a closely related field from an accredited four year college or university; or 2) hold a bachelor's degree in any field plus one year of supervised experience in the delivery of social services to children as a social worker in a public or private social services agency.

F. Freedom of Choice:

The State assures that the provision of child welfare-targeted case management services will not restrict a recipient's free choice of providers in violation of section 1902(a)(23) of the Act, except as provided for under section 1915(g)(1) of the Act.

1. Eligible recipients will have free choice of the providers of child welfare-targeted case management services.
2. Eligible recipients will have free choice of the providers of other medical care under the plan.

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G. Payment:

Payment for child welfare-targeted case management services under the plan does not duplicate payments made to public agencies or private entities under other program authorities for this same purpose.

- ~~1-~~ Services that are otherwise eligible for payment on a separate schedule under rules of the Department are not eligible for payment as child welfare-targeted case management services.